



Indiana State Board of Education Meeting Update 03-13-14

The State Board of Education met this week, and had a very productive meeting. Of special note to you...

- | ☐ • The May testing windows for the ISTEP+ (online and paper/pencil), IMAST and CoreLink were all extended. Online ISTEP+ was extended until **May 13th**, ISTEP+ paper/pencil and IMAST were both extended until **May 9th** and the testing window for CoreLink was extended until **May 23rd**. See the [attached memo](#) from Michele Walker, IDOE Director of Office of Student Assessment.
- | ☐ • The Board adopted the new Indiana Academic Standards for Social Studies Standards 2014 that were recommended by the Education Roundtable. The standards documents will be posted on the IDOE website by the end of March. Resource guides for the standards are being developed and will be forthcoming.
- | ☐ • I asked the Board to take action to create a special Board subcommittee to begin looking at the state's assessment system. I will chair this committee, and I look forward to the design of an assessment system that will free up more time in the classroom for teaching and learning and yet give information to educators, parents, and students to guide instruction.
- | ☐ • The Board took action to ensure a quality transition to our new Indiana Academic Standards for English/Language Arts and Math. Board members discussed implementation plans for the new standards, including the need for high quality instructional guidance documents.
- | ☐ • We had a substantive conversation regarding the proposed language in REPA III during which Board members looked at the sections of the proposed language that received public comments. Board members offered guidance and direction regarding revisions going forward in the rule-making process. Based on the feedback of the 1000+ public comments that were offered on REPA III and the conversation of Board members, the Board will review revised language in the coming months. Thank you to any of you who may have contributed to the public comment.

Thank you for your hard work with students. I continue to visit many schools each week throughout Indiana, and I am amazed at the wonderful learning opportunities for our students! Keep in touch. Feel free to leave comments at doecomm@doe.in.gov.
(see memorandum)

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Public Instruction

NOTE: * indicates data information requirements for ALL public schools, including charter schools.